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2.0 User's Guide 5th Edition, Hitachi Co. Ltd.,
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The relevance of each of the references AS-AW is as discussed in the English translation of the Abstract accompanying the reference. The relevance of the reference AX, as well as the question of the publication date of the reference is discussed in the English language document attached to the reference marked "Our Comments".

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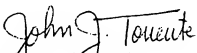
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